

founder of Happy Birthday USA. Annually for 25 years, the Statler Brothers would invite country music friends to join them onstage in Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park to celebrate the Fourth of July with family and neighbors. The events drew thousands of people to celebrate America's Independence and picnic while listening to country music artists and the on-stage banter of Harold Reid.

The Statler Brothers, whose members at the time included Harold and Don Reid, Phil Balsley, and Jimmy Fortune, retired from performing in 2002. Members wanted to return home to spend time with family. In retirement, it was not unusual to see Harold along with Brenda and their family at various events around town.

Young men from small-town America who enjoyed singing, the Statler Brothers became world famous, bringing laughter and tears to their fans over the long course of their musical career. Retired, the Statler Brothers continued to encourage young performers and to celebrate America and small-town community life. Wilson Fairchild, the country duo of Wil Reid and Langston Reid, have stepped onto the musical stage and picked up the mantle of celebrating the Fourth of July in Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park by hosting Happy Birthday America.

Harold Reid created a lasting impression on all those who met him, on the fans that he entertained over four decades, on country music as a songwriter, and on the community where he remained rooted. It is with appreciation for a life well-lived that these words about Harold Reid's achievements are submitted for the RECORD. May his family and friends find solace in knowing the esteem with which we uphold the memory of Harold Reid.

**RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT
OF THE CORONAVIRUS PAN-
DEMIC ON THE TOWN OF
BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY**

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devastating impact the coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The corona virus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

With a population of just under 13,500, the Township of Berkeley Heights in Union County, New Jersey has been hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. We have witnessed 129 cases to date with 21 deaths and residents testing positive every day, adding to our overall caseload.

Our local budget is set to be introduced before the state's extended deadline of April 28th while our second tax collection period begins May 1st. The timeframe does not allow our governing body to make an informed decision of tax collection versus expenditures. As a result, we significantly cut our spending to provide a zero dollar increase to our residents since the outbreak of the pandemic. Layoffs of

part-time employees and cutting police radios, police cars, fire department gear and sewer department equipment and has been sacrificed this year amidst the financial crisis that our state, county and township faces as we follow Governor Murphy's Stay-at-Home order.

As we remain at home to spare the lives of our family, friends and neighbors, our local budget faces shortfalls from: the closure of our municipal court and resulting halt in fees it generates; hotel occupancy tax revenue—which generally produces \$250,000 in revenue directly to the municipality not shared with the Board of Education or County; Uniform Fire Prevention inspection decline due to social distancing rules; Little interest being earned on investment as a result of the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates to 0 percent; Anticipated lower-than-usual collection of current year taxes as a result of economic hardships experienced by our residents such as employment or loss of their small businesses; Cancellation of Spring and likely Summer recreation programs, halting fees into our Recreation Trust Fund, which pays for our recreation employees.

Further, we also anticipate an increase in tax appeals from businesses for 2020. The Township already received notice of appeal from its two biggest taxpayers—Connell Office park and Nokia/Bell Labs—and anticipates that many small businesses will follow. Additionally, as a result of our Judgment of Repose, the Township is obligated to move forward with 6 redevelopment projects that have PILOT agreements attached to pay for a \$32,000,000 municipal complex to house our police, senior, library, recreation and administration space. The facilities will be essential for our residents as we move through this pandemic into our new "normal." Delays in redevelopment construction due to supply chain disruptions related to Covid-19 will likely impact future construction fees, which means anticipated revenue to the Township from these projects will not be realized sooner, when it is so desperately needed. Finally, we anticipate the State of New Jersey and County of Union will also face great fiscal challenges and therefore, the Township expects a decrease in grant money available for infrastructure repair such as roads and our sewer infrastructure, which has not been upgraded since constructed.

Additionally, New Jersey municipalities have a legal obligation to pay the Board of Education and the county, even if our portion of taxes cannot be collected. This places a tremendous burden on small towns.

It is crucial that smaller municipalities receive CARES 2 funds to help stabilize our local government and economies. I implore the United States House and Senate to pass legislation that will help small-town America.

**RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER
JAMES, ELLIE RODITIS, AND THE
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AR-
KANSAS EXERCISE SCIENCE
PROGRAM**

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Christopher James, Ellie

Roditis, and the University of Central Arkansas Exercise Science Program for their efforts in creating personal protective equipment for the healthcare workers of Arkansas.

Arkansas Air Force Reservist and full-time student Christopher James alongside his classmates from UCA have constructed and donated 114 medical face masks to healthcare workers at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Christopher and his classmates are expected to complete at least 200 more masks which will be donated to patients and their families within the community.

This initiative reflects the ongoing support for our healthcare workers, and the ability our community has to come together during these times of crisis.

I congratulate Christopher James, Ellie Roditis, and the University of Central Arkansas Exercise Science Program for dedicating their time to ensuring our health care workers and the community are protected.

**RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT SANDEFER**

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Christopher Scott Sandefur, who passed away on April 25th at the age of 57. Scott grew up in Lee County, Mississippi, and was a standout athlete at Shannon High School where he graduated in 1980. He then attended the University of Mississippi where he was a member of the ROTC and graduated with a degree in Public Administration.

Scott answered the call to serve our great nation with the Mississippi National Guard and was a Brigade Leader and Company Commander for the 155th Brigade in Tupelo for many years. Scott's life of service also included over 30 years in law enforcement at many agencies and positions. Scott served as a former Captain of the North Mississippi Narcotics Unit, he served with the Tupelo Police Department, the Pontotoc Police Department, and later retired from the Pontotoc County Sheriffs Department where his talents were appreciated and respected by all.

Scott enjoyed spending time in the outdoors where he was an avid hunter and motorcyclist. He was also an avid college sports fan and especially enjoyed cheering on his alma mater the Ole Miss Rebels.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Cristi Lane Jordan Sandefur, his daughter, Shelby Leigh Sandefur, as well as many other close family members and friends. Scott Sandefur's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

**RECOGNIZING THE ASSISTANCE
LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN UTAH**

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Assistance League of Southern Utah for its outstanding work in assisting